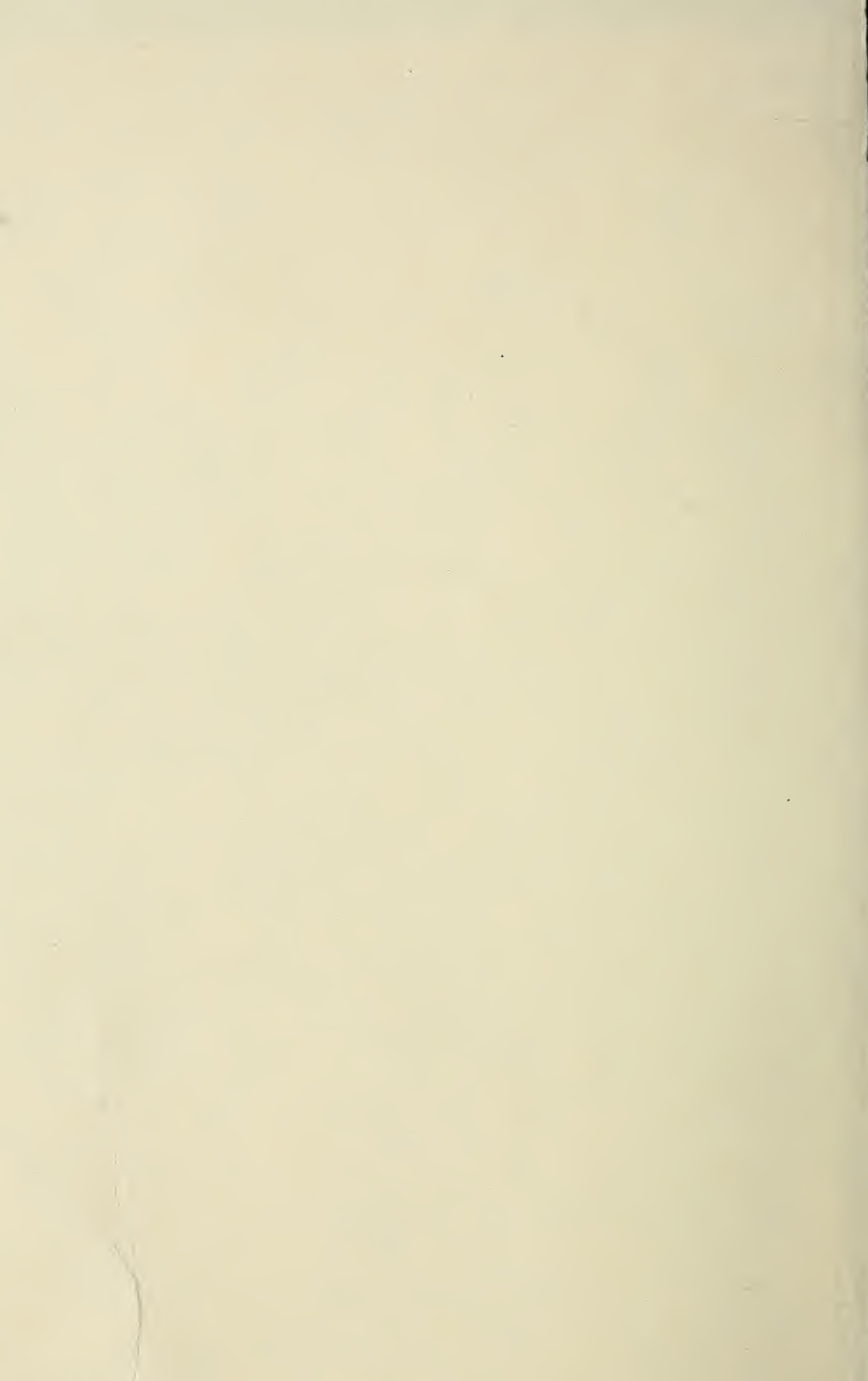
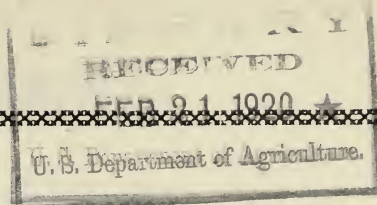


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# The Sumner Nursery

W. O. CREAGER, Proprietor

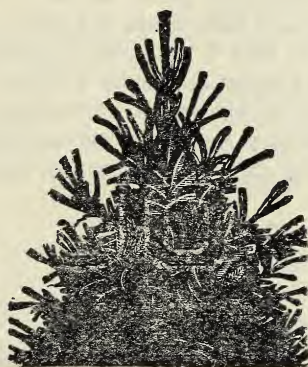
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Fruit Trees, Small Fruits,  
Evergreens and Orna-  
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Sumner, - - - - - Iowa

Telephone No. 256-28

## WHY BUY AT THE SUMNER NURSERY?

SOME concerns put great stress on the age and size of their nurseries; others on their low prices. The Sumner Nursery cannot lay claim to superiority of acreage, although its size is being constantly added to from year to year by our ever increasing patronage and as for age the present proprietor has spent his life in the business since its establishment by his father in 1892. Good straight, square, honorable dealing, at live and let live prices, with the highest quality goods that it is possible for any one to grow, has been our motto, and will continue to be as long as I do business under the name of the Sumner Nursery.

## LOCATION

From Sumner, go out Pleasant Street north, 2 1-2 miles to Cass Dairy Farm, then 1-4 mile west and turn north 3-8 mile.

From Fredericksburg go east 5 miles and 5 miles south.

From Hawkeye go west 7 miles and south 3 miles.

Our location is in what is known as PLEASANT VALLEY, good roads convenient to a large territory by motor car or truck.

Visitors are welcome any day except Sunday to do business.

## PRICES

As we do not have a descriptive catalogue printed every season, prices will be omitted as it is quite hard to fix prices for a retail trade as different prices apply to different grades. But I expect to meet any reasonable competition and do sell cheaper than traveling salesmen can possibly do and will always gladly correct any mistakes made and replace trees that are unsound or not in good condition when delivered.



# APPLES

## SUMMER

✓ **Tetofsky**—Extremely early, fruit light yellow, striped or splashed with red, an upright grower, hardy tree, choice eater. July or August.

✓ **Liveland**—The tree is perfect and a good bearer. The fruit is handsomely colored, orange-yellow shaded with choice eater. July and August.

✓ **Duchess of Oldenburg**—Hardy and an early bearer and good cooker, well known to everyone. Ripens in August and September.

## FALL

✓ **Anisim**—An early bearer, attractive red apple of good quality, ripens with Wealthy.

**Longfield**—Medium sized blushed yellow fruit of excellent quality, excellent for cooking.

**Wealthy**—Known as well as the Duchess. We heartily recommend this variety. Season September to February.

**Fameuse, (or Snow)**—Very hardy, large, long lived tree, a reliable cropper of medium size, crimson flesh snow white.

## WINTER

**Northwestern Greening**—Fruit large greenish yellow. The quality is good both for a dessert and cooking. A long keeper.

**Gano**—Bright red on yellow ground (no stripes); similar but superior to Ben Davis, February to March.

✓ **York Imperial**—Color yellow shaded red, indistinct red stripe. Flesh yellow, firm, juicy, sub-acid, good winter.

✓ **Malinda**—An exceedingly hardy variety, one of the very best in the entire list for the Northwest. Medium to large; rich yellow, with dull blush; white dots, flesh yellowish white, firm sub-acid, crisp and juicy. A splendid cooker. March to April.

**Iowa Brilliant**—It is equal to the Wealthy in size and bearing qualities. It is hardier in growth, more splendid in color, more delightful in flavor, the fruit hangs on the tree until picked and best of all, the Brilliant apple will keep over winter.

✓ **Delicious**—The most advertised apple of all apples, very popular everywhere, "an all purpose apple". Medium to large, a great keeper.

✓ **Grimes Golden**—Fruit above medium, regular; surface rich golden yellow, sometimes russett varnished, a good filler in orchard, November to March.

✓ **Tolman Sweet**—The best winter sweet apple for northern Iowa, yellow in color, December to January.

✓ **University**—Originated 1881 by C. G. Patten, Iowa. Very large, a golden yellow when ripe, October to January

**McIntosh**—of the Fameuse type, fruit attractive of bright deep red color, streaked with white, October to late winter.

✓ **Iowa Blush**—Greenish yellow with red blush. mild and very good. Season early winter.



## Crab Apples

**Whitney**—A beautiful growing tree, and one which bears young and abundantly. Fruit of good size, conical in shape, red and yellow striped; flesh crisp, sub-acid, a very fine eating; no Crab taste whatever. It is really a small apple and should be classed as such. Season September.

**Briar Sweet**—Fruit large, pale yellow, with carmine cheek, very sweet, good for preserving and best of all for sweet pickles. Tree vigorous and productive. Season September.

**Florence**—A fine jelly crab, excellent for cooking, valuable for early market as well as home use, same season as Transcendant.

**Hyslop**—Dark red, with heavy blue blume, popular and hardy, except blights in some localities. Season, September to October.

## Plums

**Desota**—Yellow with red cheek. This tree is liable to overbear, and, if very heavily loaded, fruit should be thinned. Cling stone. Season, last of August.

**Stoddard**—Originated at Jesup, Buchanan county, Iowa. Fruit medium to large; shading from yellowish to dark red. Season middle of August.

**Surprise**—Originated at Sleepy Eye, Minn. The very best plum we have tested, fruit prune-shape, dark red, long keeper, therefore valuable for market. Ripe from 1st to 10th of September.

**Hawkeye**—This variety is a native of Iowa, perfectly hardy. Fruit is

large, mottled dark red; Very attractive and of superior quality. Season September.

**Terry**—Originated in Iowa. Large to very large, purplish red; the best eater. Thrifty, hardy and prolific. Many good judges consider this the best of all American plums for every purpose. Season September.

## Hybrid Group of Plums

The Hybrid Group is made up of crosses of the Western Sand Cherry, Japan Plum, American Plum and Apricot Plums and all were originated by Professor Hansen of the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station at Brookings. We have the following varieties all worthy of trial. Cherry Plums, Compass Opata, Sapa, Wachampa, Cheresoto, Sansoto, Enopa. Those crossed with Apricot are Kaga, Inkpa, Toka and Hanska.

## Cherries

**Early Richmond**—The standard early variety. Red round, and juicy. Tree hardy and a regular bearer, the earliest.

**Montmorency**—Large to very large, round, red. Ten days later than the Richmond. This is claimed to be the very hardiest and most productive.

## Pears

**Flemish Beauty and Kieffer**—These have proven best and all should try a few trees.

## Blackberries

**Ancient Britten**—Large, oblong, sweet and very good; bush a sturdy grower, hardy and one of the most productive; the best sort.

## Grapes

**Worden**—This is, beyond question, the best black Grape known. Ripens about ten days earlier than Concord.

**Concord**—Late but an old standard, Very hardy, good for market. Black.

**Campbell's Early**—Strong grower, about two weeks earlier than Concord. Sweet and juicy. Black.

**Niagara**—Bunch large, long; ripens with Concord or a little earlier; good table or market; vigorous very productive. Best white.

**Delaware**—A fancy grape all things considered. Should be in every garden and vineyard. Red.

**Brighton**—A choice early, large, red sort.

**Beta**—Is a cross between the wild grape and Moore's early. The berry

is large, but quite acid, and not so good for eating as some others, but for pies, jelly, wine or grape-juice, it is fine. Fine vine for trellis work, being perfectly hardy and requires no winter protection.

## Gooseberries

**Carrie**—It is vigorous, hardy and very productive.

**Josselyn, (Red Jacket)**—A wonderful cropper, with large, smooth pale red fruit of first class flavor.

**Pearl**—A cross between the Houghton and one of the large English varieties. Color light green.

## Asparagus

**Conover's Colossal**—Valuable for market.

**Palmetto**—Large size, and fine of appearance, earliest.

# STRAWBERRIES

For 1918 we have sixteen varieties of the June bearing kinds of strawberries, and our growing this fruit both for plants and fruit for market since 1892 or 26 years puts us in a position to know the very best kinds for this part of the state therefore we will not give a full description of each variety as it would take up a lot of space. Since 1916 we have added the fall or everbearing sorts and will say that some of them are very promising, in fact a success (after trying them on a small scale earlier than 1916 they were of little value) but under conditions are very successful for home gardens and we recommend them very highly for that, as you will get fruit the first season the plants are set. Get a start on them this season for they are indispensible to the home garden.

Aroma, (P)

Abbington (Per)

Brandywine (Per)

Bederwood (Per)

Chesapeake (Per)

Dicky (Per)

Fendall (Imp)

Haverland (Imp)

Pocomoke (Per)

Revenna (Per)

Sample (Imp)

Senator Dunlap (Per)

Minnesota No. 3 (Per)

**Everbearing**

Progressive (Per)

Superb (Per)

Americus (Per)

Minnesota No. 1017 (Per)

## Currants

The largest red currants are Fay, Perfection, Red Cross. Medium to large; Cherry, Wilder, La Versailles, London Market, Pomona and Long-Bunch Holland. White Currant; White Grape and White Imperial.

Older, Kansas, Cumberland—The best black caps.

Crimson Beauty and Loudon—Very hardy, large and the very best red.

## Raspberries

Columbian—A new variety of great promise. Purple cap.

Queen—The stalks are extra-large of a decided pink color, delicious for cooking and canning.

Linnaeus—Leaf-stalks large, tender and juicy; produced quite early.

## Rhubarb

# HARDY PERENNIALS

## Peonies

The Peony is the first flower to bloom in the spring and the most beautiful of all, quite eclipsing the rose in size and profusion of blossom. As a cut flower it is superseding the rose for June decoration, and withal is the hardiest and most easily grown of all of the flowers of the garden. We have twelve varieties running through all of the colors and also the rose scented.

Iris—German, Siberian and Japan varieties, all colors

Dahlias—The Dahlias are of four distinct classes or types—Show, Cactus, Decorative and Single, each of which has a peculiar charm of its own. We offer a choice collection of sorts of each

Gladiolus—Choice assorted and mixed colors

## Roses

Crimson Rambler—Climbing, crimson (H. C.)

Dorothy Perkins—Climbing, shell pink (H. C.)

American Beauty—Bush. Deep pink, approaching crimson (H. T.)

General Jacqueminot—Dark Red, (H. P.)

Yellow Baby Rambler—Dwarf, rare yellow (Poly)

Paul Neyron—Bright pink, largest rose (H. P.)

Coq. des Alps—White, tinged pale rose (H. P.)

Mrs. John H. Laing—Clear pink, (H. P.)

Mad. Plantier—Pure white, ceme-tary (China)

J. B. Clark—Deep scarlet, (H. P.)



## Roses, (Cont.)

**Crimson Baby Rambler**—Dwarf, crimson. (Poly.)

**Harrison Yellow**—Yellow (Aust.)

**Erna Teschendorf**—Vivid crimson, (Poly)

**Rosa Rugosa Rubra**—Perfectly hardy. Foliage is beautiful.

## Hardy Flowering Shrubs

**Almond, Flowering**—Pink and white  
**Lilac**—Common white, purple and Persian

**Lilac**—Double white, large dark and other of the improved sorts.

**Snowberry**—A bush covered with white berries.

**Coral Berry**—Like the Snowberry, except fruit is red.

**Spirea Von Houti (Bridal Wreath)**—White.

**Forsythia Intermedia (Golden Bells)**—A valuable variety.

**Forsythia Fortunei**—A shrub 8 to

10 feet tall, bright yellow flowers.

**Spirea Antony Waterer**—Pink and everbloomer.

**Bush Honeysuckle**—Blooms all summer.

**Snow Ball**—Common May and June. 8 to 10 feet high.

**Snowball, Japan**—Flowers are larger and more white; foliage handsome.

**Hydrangea (H. P. G.)**—A beautiful, tall shrub, flowers panicles.

**Hydrangea (H. A. G.)**—Flowers are similar to the familiar Snowball.

**Syringia (Mock Orange)**—Milk white flowers. Bush grows 8 to 10 feet high.

**Purple Fringe Tree; Smoke Tree**—Small Tree, appearance of smoke.

**Barberry (B. Thunberg's)**—Most satisfactory; hardy hedge.

**Japan Quince**—A shrub 3 to 6 feet tall, beautiful flowers.

**Bigonia (Trumpet Creeper)**—A robust woody vine orange-scarlet flowers

**Amelopsis (American Ivy; Virginia Creeper; Woodbine)** Entirely hardy.

**Honeysuckle (Scarlet Trumpet)**—Flowers scarlet and trumpet formed.

**Wisteria (Magnificia)**—Lavender flowers.

**Yucca (Adam's Needle)**—Plant resembles Century Plant. Hardy.

## Shade and Ornamental Trees

American Linden

Ash White

Birch White, common

Ash Mountain

Birch Cut Leaf

Mulberry

Chestnut Flowering

Laurel Leaf Willow

Nioba Willow

Elm

Maple, Hard or Sugar

Maple, Norway

Maple Wier's Cut Leaf

Maple Schwedler

Popular, Norway

Popular, Carolina

Bechtel Double-flowering crab

## Evergreens

American Arbor Vitae

Balsam Fir

Red Cedar

Douglas Fir

Norway Spruce

Colorado Blue Spruce

Kosterian Blue Spruce

Black Hill Spruce

White Pine

Mugho Pine

Hemlock

Polish Privet

## WHITE WYANDOTTES

The Hen For Profit

It will pay you to improve your flock of chickens by getting some of our White Wyandotte eggs. We make a specialty of White Wyandottes, acknowledged as being the best layers at all of the American Laying Contests year after year.



We have grown nothing else but White Wyandottes for the past thirteen years and are justly proud of our beautiful flock. You can have just as good a one. THERE ARE NO BETTER FOWLS GROWN FOR EGG PRODUCTION OR FOR MARKET THAN THE WHITE WYANDOTTE.

Stock for Sale

Price on application

Prices of Eggs

\$2.00 for 15

\$7.50 per 100

### SPECIAL PREMIUM OFFER

For every order of \$3.00 or more on strawberry plants we will give you a setting of White Wyandotte eggs at half price, \$1.00. If you wish this premium kindly notify us when ordering.

## POTATOES FOR SEED

Bovee Extra Early and White Michigan, both better than Early Ohio. Ohio Wonder and Gold Coin, both white and good yielders. Price \$1.50 per bushel, 60 cents per peck.

Complete stock of Christmas trees for the home and church.

## BERRY BOXES FOR SALE

We sell the Ewald Folding boxes and Crates, no tacks needed, but it is important that you order these early.